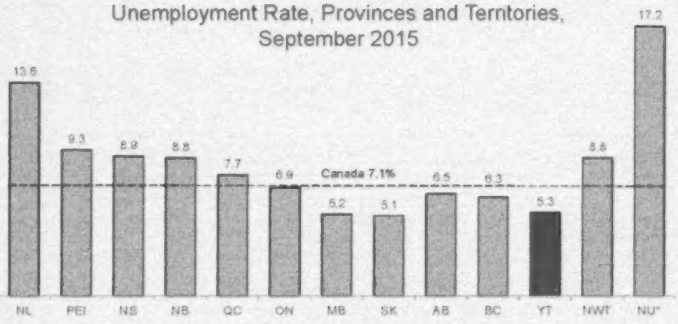
YUKON BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Yukon Employment
September 2015

Highlights:

- Yukon's unemployment rate in September 2015 (5.3%) decreased by 1.6 percentage points compared to August 2015 (6.9%).
- Yukon's labour force in September 2015 (20,800) increased by 500 compared to August 2015, the number of employed increased by 800 to 19,700 and the number of unemployed decreased by 300 to 1,100.



- Nationally, comparing September 2015 to August 2015, the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 7.1%.
- Compared to August 2015 figures, the labour force in Canada in September 2015 increased 0.2%, employment increased 0.1%, while the number of unemployed increased 1.4%.

September 2015
Yukon Employment at a Glance

Labour Force	20,800
Employed	19,700
Unemployed	1,100
Unemployment Rate	5.3%
Employment Rate	69.6%

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Notes: All figures are based on Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates. Statistics Canada reports LFS figures rounded to the nearest hundred. Therefore, components may not add up to the total.

Analyses and data tables in pages 1 through 4 are based on seasonally adjusted numbers. Unadjusted figures are available on pages 5 through 7.

Seasonally adjusted employment figures are widely used and quoted, as they are considered to be a more accurate picture of the current employment situation than unadjusted figures. Some variables, however, are only available on an unadjusted basis. Comparisons between adjusted and unadjusted figures should not be made. For more information, see definitions on page 8.

Other Sources of Labour Market Information:

Statistics Canada's Daily Release - a summary of the current Labour Force Survey numbers from across Canada. http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/151009/dq151009a-eng.htm

Yukon Employment Annual Review, 2014 - Annual summary of Yukon Labour Force Survey data; includes Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal and Rural/Whitehorse data. http://www.eco.gov.yk.ca/stats/pdf/employment_2014.pdf

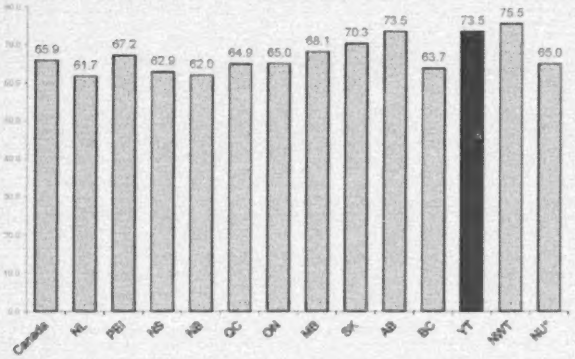
Yukon Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours, 2014 - detailed annual information on number of paid employees, payrolls, and hours worked. Based on a combination of administrative data from Canada Revenue Agency and results from the Business Payroll Survey. http://www.eco.gov.yk.ca/stats/pdf/seph_2014.pdf

Yukon 2013 Business Survey - Yukon businesses' vacancies (by occupation and industry) and challenges recruiting staff. http://www.eco.gov.yk.ca/stats/pdf/2013_Business_Survey_Report_RR.pdf

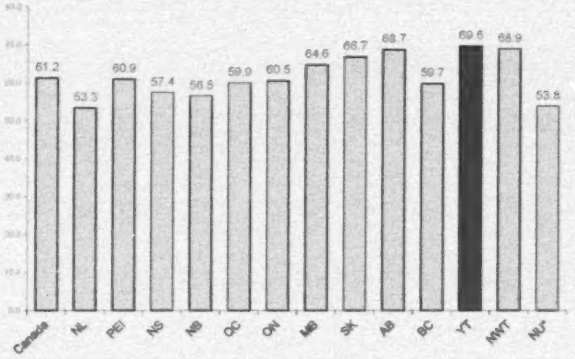
2011 National Household Survey: Education, Labour, Mobility and Migration - summary information on Yukon in May 2011. http://www.eco.gov.yk.ca/stats/pdf/Education_Labour_Mobility_Migration_2011.pdf

Comparisons with Canada, Provinces and Territories - Snapshot

Participation Rate, September 2015



Employment Rate, September 2015



The participation rate measures the percentage of the population aged 15 years and over, which is working or actively looking for work. In September 2015, Yukon's participation rate (73.5%) was tied with Alberta for second-highest in Canada, behind the Northwest Territories (75.5%).

Yukon's September 2015 employment rate (the percentage of the population aged 15 years and over, which is employed), was 69.6%, the highest in Canada.

Comparisons with Canada and Selected Provinces - Historical

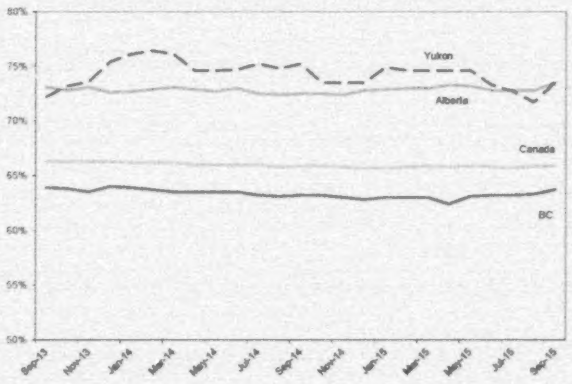
The Labour Force Survey estimates that 73.5% of Yukoners aged 15 years and over were employed or seeking employment in September 2015.

Yukon's participation rate in September 2015 (73.5%) increased by 1.8 percentage points compared to the rate in August 2015 (71.7%) and decreased 1.7 percentage points compared to September 2014 (75.2%).

The September 2015 employment rate of 69.6%, increased 2.8 percentage points compared to the rate in August 2015 (66.8%) and was down 2.7 percentage points compared to the rate in September 2014 (72.3%).

Yukon's labour market in terms of participation rate and employment rate tends to be similar to Alberta's. However, as is often the case with a small population base, our rates show a higher degree of volatility.

Participation Rate, September 2013 - September 2015



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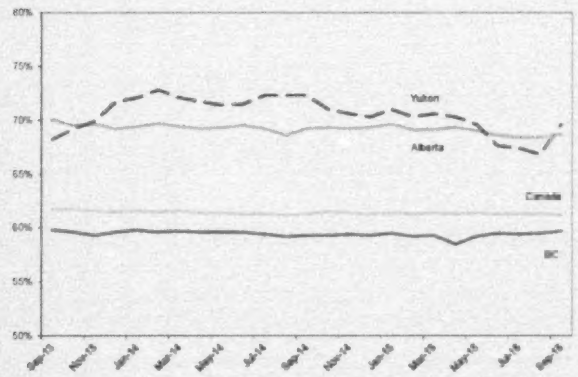

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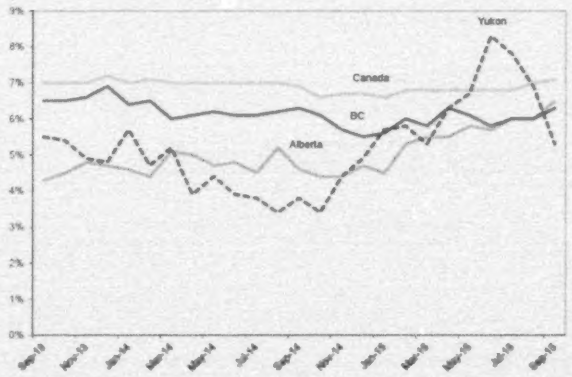
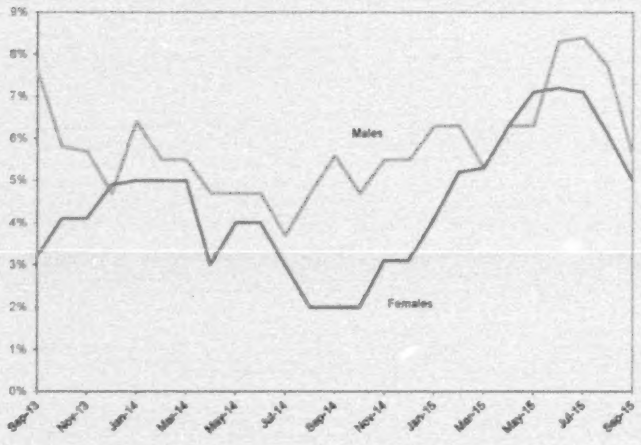


Seasonally Adjusted Labour Force, aged 15+ years, Yukon

	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment		
	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females
Sep-15	20,800	10,800	10,100	19,700	10,200	9,500	1,100	600	500
Aug-15	20,300	10,400	9,800	18,900	9,600	9,300	1,400	800	600
Jul-15	20,500	10,700	9,800	19,000	9,800	9,200	1,600	900	700
Jun-15	20,600	10,900	9,700	19,000	10,000	9,000	1,700	900	700
May-15	20,900	11,200	9,800	19,500	10,400	9,000	1,400	700	700
Apr-15	20,800	11,200	9,600	19,600	10,500	9,000	1,300	700	600
Mar-15	20,800	11,300	9,500	19,700	10,700	9,000	1,100	600	500
Feb-15	20,800	11,200	9,600	19,600	10,500	9,200	1,200	700	500
Jan-15	20,900	11,200	9,700	19,800	10,500	9,300	1,200	700	400
Dec-14	20,500	10,900	9,700	19,600	10,200	9,300	1,000	600	300
Nov-14	20,500	10,900	9,600	19,700	10,300	9,300	900	600	300
Oct-14	20,500	10,600	9,900	19,800	10,100	9,700	700	500	200
Sep-14	20,900	10,800	10,100	20,100	10,200	10,000	800	600	200
Aug-14	20,800	10,700	10,100	20,100	10,200	9,900	700	500	200
Jul-14	20,900	10,800	10,000	20,100	10,400	9,700	900	400	300
Jun-14	20,700	10,700	10,000	19,800	10,200	9,600	800	500	400
May-14	20,600	10,700	10,000	19,700	10,100	9,600	900	500	400
Apr-14	20,600	10,700	10,000	19,800	10,100	9,700	800	500	300
Mar-14	21,000	10,900	10,000	19,900	10,300	9,600	1,100	600	500
Feb-14	21,100	11,000	10,100	20,100	10,400	9,700	1,000	600	500
Jan-14	21,000	11,000	10,000	19,900	10,300	9,500	1,200	700	500
Dec-13	20,800	10,600	10,200	19,800	10,000	9,800	1,000	500	500
Nov-13	20,300	10,500	9,800	19,300	9,800	9,400	1,000	600	400
Oct-13	20,200	10,400	9,700	19,100	9,800	9,300	1,100	600	400
Sep-13	20,000	10,500	9,500	18,900	9,700	9,200	1,100	800	300

	Unemployment rate		
	Both sexes	Males	Females
Sep-15	5.3	5.6	5.0
Aug-15	6.9	7.7	6.1
Jul-15	7.8	8.4	7.1
Jun-15	8.3	8.3	7.2
May-15	6.7	6.3	7.1
Apr-15	6.3	6.3	6.3
Mar-15	5.3	5.3	5.3
Feb-15	5.8	6.3	5.2
Jan-15	5.7	6.3	4.1
Dec-14	4.9	5.5	3.1
Nov-14	4.4	5.5	3.1
Oct-14	3.4	4.7	2.0
Sep-14	3.8	5.6	2.0
Aug-14	3.4	4.7	2.0
Jul-14	3.8	3.7	3.0
Jun-14	3.9	4.7	4.0
May-14	4.4	4.7	4.0
Apr-14	3.9	4.7	3.0
Mar-14	5.2	5.5	5.0
Feb-14	4.7	5.5	5.0
Jan-14	5.7	6.4	5.0
Dec-13	4.8	4.7	4.9
Nov-13	4.9	5.7	4.1
Oct-13	5.4	5.8	4.1
Sep-13	5.5	7.6	3.2

Unemployment Rate, 15+, Males and Females, September 2013 - September 2015



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Seasonally Adjusted Labour Force, aged 25+ years, Yukon

	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment		
	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females
Sep-15	18,100	9,300	8,800	17,300	8,800	8,500	900	600	300
Aug-15	17,700	9,100	8,600	16,600	8,400	8,200	1,100	700	400
Jul-15	17,800	9,300	8,600	16,800	8,600	8,200	1,000	700	300
Jun-15	17,800	9,300	8,400	16,700	8,700	7,900	1,100	600	500
May-15	18,000	9,500	8,500	17,100	9,100	8,000	900	400	500
Apr-15	18,000	9,400	8,600	17,200	9,100	8,100	800	400	500
Mar-15	18,200	9,600	8,600	17,400	9,300	8,200	800	300	400
Feb-15	18,200	9,600	8,600	17,300	9,100	8,200	900	500	400
Jan-15	18,200	9,600	8,600	17,200	9,000	8,200	900	600	400
Dec-14	17,900	9,300	8,500	17,000	8,800	8,200	800	500	300
Nov-14	17,900	9,300	8,500	17,100	8,800	8,300	700	500	300
Oct-14	17,900	9,200	8,700	17,300	8,800	8,500	600	400	200
Sep-14	18,100	9,300	8,900	17,500	8,700	8,700	700	500	x
Aug-14	18,000	9,200	8,900	17,500	8,800	8,700	600	400	200
Jul-14	18,100	9,200	8,900	17,400	8,800	8,600	600	400	300
Jun-14	18,100	9,100	9,000	17,400	8,700	8,700	600	300	300
May-14	18,100	9,100	9,000	17,300	8,700	8,700	700	400	300
Apr-14	18,100	9,100	9,000	17,500	8,700	8,800	700	400	300
Mar-14	18,400	9,300	9,000	17,400	8,800	8,600	1,000	500	400
Feb-14	18,500	9,400	9,100	17,600	8,900	8,700	900	500	400
Jan-14	18,300	9,300	9,000	17,300	8,800	8,600	1,000	500	400
Dec-13	18,100	9,100	9,000	17,400	8,600	8,700	800	500	300
Nov-13	17,800	9,100	8,700	16,900	8,500	8,400	800	500	300
Oct-13	17,600	9,000	8,600	16,800	8,400	8,300	800	600	300
Sep-13	17,500	8,900	8,500	16,600	8,300	8,300	800	600	200

	Unemployment rate		
	Both sexes	Males	Females
Sep-15	5.0	6.5	3.4
Aug-15	6.2	7.7	4.7
Jul-15	5.6	7.5	3.5
Jun-15	6.2	6.5	6.0
May-15	5.0	4.2	5.9
Apr-15	4.4	4.3	5.8
Mar-15	4.4	3.1	4.7
Feb-15	4.9	5.2	4.7
Jan-15	4.9	6.3	4.7
Dec-14	4.5	5.4	3.5
Nov-14	3.9	5.4	3.5
Oct-14	3.4	4.3	2.3
Sep-14	3.9	5.4	x
Aug-14	3.3	4.3	2.2
Jul-14	3.3	4.3	3.4
Jun-14	3.3	3.3	3.3
May-14	3.9	4.4	3.3
Apr-14	3.9	4.4	3.3
Mar-14	5.4	5.4	4.4
Feb-14	4.9	5.3	4.4
Jan-14	5.5	5.4	4.4
Dec-13	4.4	5.5	3.3
Nov-13	4.5	5.5	3.4
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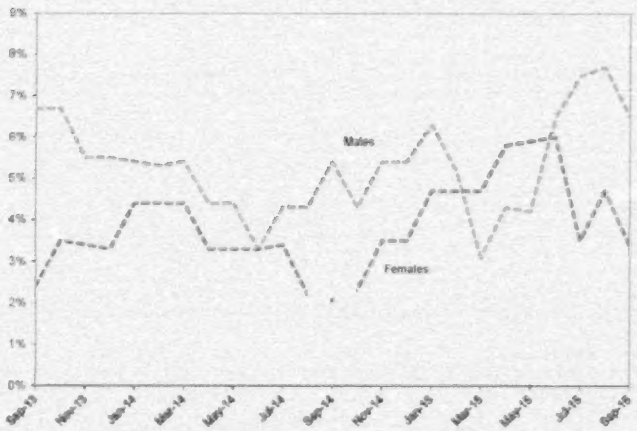

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Labour Force, *Unadjusted* and Annual, aged 15+ years, Yukon

Highlights:

- Compared to the figures for August 2015, full-time employment in September 2015 (18,300) increased by 700 and part-time employment (2,200) remained the same.
- In September 2015, employment in the goods-producing sector (3,100) increased by 400 compared to August 2015. Employment in the services-producing sector (17,400) increased by 300.
- Of all those employed in September 2015: 45.9% were private sector employees; 39.0% were public sector employees (see note on page 7); and 15.1% were self-employed.

	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment		
	Both sexes	Males	Females	**Both sexes**	Males	Females	**Both sexes**	Males	Females
Sep-15	**21,400**	11,200	10,200	**20,500**	10,900	9,700	**900**	400	500
Aug-15	**21,000**	10,900	10,100	**19,800**	10,300	9,500	**1,200**	600	600
Jul-15	**21,100**	11,200	9,900	**19,600**	10,300	9,300	**1,500**	800	700
Jun-15	**20,900**	11,200	9,800	**19,100**	10,100	9,000	**1,800**	1,100	700
May-15	**20,900**	11,100	9,800	**19,200**	10,100	9,100	**1,700**	1,000	700
Apr-15	**20,500**	10,900	9,600	**19,000**	10,000	9,000	**1,500**	900	600
Mar-15	**20,300**	10,800	9,500	**18,900**	10,000	9,000	**1,400**	800	500
Feb-15	**20,400**	10,900	9,600	**19,100**	10,000	9,100	**1,400**	900	500
Jan-15	**20,600**	10,900	9,600	**19,300**	10,100	9,200	**1,300**	800	400
Dec-14	**20,200**	10,700	9,500	**19,200**	10,100	9,200	**900**	600	300
Nov-14	**20,100**	10,800	9,400	**19,400**	10,300	9,100	**700**	400	300
Oct-14	**20,500**	10,800	9,800	**20,000**	10,400	9,600	**600**	400	200
Sep-14	**21,400**	11,200	10,300	**20,800**	10,700	10,100	**600**	400	200
2014	**20,700**	**10,800**	**10,000**	**19,800**	**10,200**	**9,600**	**900**	**600**	**300**
2013	**20,400**	**10,500**	**9,900**	**19,300**	**9,800**	**9,500**	**1,100**	**700**	**400**
2012	**20,800**	**10,600**	**10,200**	**19,300**	**9,600**	**9,700**	**1,500**	**1,000**	**500**
2011	**20,500**	**10,600**	**9,900**	**19,400**	**9,900**	**9,500**	**1,100**	**600**	**500**
2010	**18,900**	**9,800**	**9,000**	**17,500**	**9,100**	**8,500**	**1,300**	**800**	**600**
2009	**18,600**	**9,600**	**9,000**	**17,300**	**8,800**	**8,500**	**1,300**	**900**	**500**
2008	**18,800**	**9,800**	**9,000**	**17,900**	**9,100**	**8,800**	**900**	**700**	**300**
2007	**18,100**	**9,400**	**8,700**	**17,200**	**8,800**	**8,300**	**900**	**600**	**300**
2006	**18,100**	**9,500**	**8,600**	**17,300**	**9,000**	**8,300**	**800**	**500**	**200**
2005	**18,000**	**9,200**	**8,700**	**17,100**	**8,600**	**8,500**	**900**	**600**	**300**

	Unemployment rate			Participation rate			Employment rate		
	Both sexes	Males	Females	**Both sexes**	Males	Females	**Both sexes**	Males	Females
Sep-15	**4.2**	3.6	4.9	**75.6**	77.2	73.4	**72.4**	75.2	69.8
Aug-15	**5.7**	5.5	5.9	**74.2**	75.7	72.7	**70.0**	71.5	68.3
Jul-15	**7.1**	7.1	7.1	**74.8**	77.8	71.7	**69.5**	71.5	67.4
Jun-15	**8.6**	9.8	7.1	**74.4**	78.3	71.0	**68.0**	70.6	65.2
May-15	**8.1**	9.0	7.1	**74.6**	77.6	71.5	**68.6**	70.6	66.4
Apr-15	**7.3**	8.3	6.3	**73.5**	76.8	70.1	**68.1**	70.4	65.7
Mar-15	**6.9**	7.4	5.3	**72.8**	76.1	69.3	**67.7**	70.4	65.7
Feb-15	**6.9**	8.3	5.2	**73.1**	76.8	70.1	**68.5**	70.4	66.4
Jan-15	**6.3**	7.3	4.2	**73.8**	76.8	70.1	**69.2**	71.1	67.2
Dec-14	**4.5**	5.6	3.2	**72.4**	75.4	69.3	**68.8**	71.1	67.2
Nov-14	**3.5**	3.7	3.2	**72.0**	76.1	68.6	**69.5**	72.5	66.4
Oct-14	**2.9**	3.7	2.0	**73.5**	76.1	71.5	**71.7**	73.2	70.1
Sep-14	**2.8**	3.6	1.9	**77.0**	78.9	75.2	**74.8**	75.4	73.7
2014	**4.3**	5.6	3.0	**74.7**	76.6	73.5	**71.5**	72.3	70.6
2013	**5.4**	6.7	4.0	**73.6**	74.5	72.8	**69.7**	69.5	69.9
2012	**7.2**	9.4	4.9	**75.6**	75.7	75.6	**70.2**	68.6	71.9
2011	**5.4**	5.7	5.1	**76.5**	77.9	75.0	**72.4**	72.8	72.0
2010	**6.9**	8.2	6.7	**73.0**	74.8	70.3	**67.6**	69.5	66.4
2009	**7.0**	9.4	5.6	**73.5**	74.4	72.6	**68.4**	68.2	68.5
2008	**4.8**	7.1	3.3	**76.1**	77.8	74.4	**72.5**	72.2	72.7
2007	**5.0**	6.4	3.4	**74.5**	75.8	73.1	**70.8**	71.0	69.7
2006	**4.4**	5.3	2.3	**75.7**	77.9	73.5	**72.4**	73.8	70.9
2005	**5.0**	6.5	3.4	**76.3**	76.7	75.0	**72.5**	71.7	73.3

Note: Data may not add up to the totals due to rounding.

Labour Force, *Unadjusted,* by Age and Sex, September 2015

		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employment rate
Both Sexes	15 +	21,400	20,500	900	6,900	4.2	75.6	72.4
	15 - 24	3,200	3,000	200	1,300	6.3	71.1	66.7
	25 +	18,200	17,600	700	5,600	3.8	76.2	73.6
	25 - 54	13,600	13,100	500	1,600	3.7	90.1	86.8
	55 +	4,700	4,500	200	4,100	4.3	54.0	51.7
Males	15 +	11,200	10,900	400	3,200	3.6	77.2	75.2
	15 - 24	1,800	1,800	x	600	x	75.0	75.0
	25 +	9,400	9,100	300	2,700	3.2	77.7	75.2
	25 - 54	6,900	6,600	300	600	4.3	92.0	88.0
	55 +	2,500	2,400	x	2,100	x	54.3	52.2
Females	15 +	10,200	9,700	500	3,700	4.9	73.4	69.8
	15 - 24	1,400	1,200	200	700	14.3	66.7	57.1
	25 +	8,800	8,500	300	3,000	3.4	74.6	72.0
	25 - 54	6,600	6,400	200	1,000	3.0	86.8	84.2
	55 +	2,200	2,100	x	2,000	x	53.7	51.2

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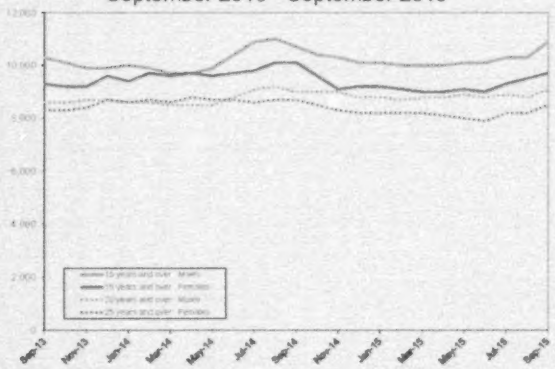
Employment by Age and Sex,
September 2013 - September 2015



Unemployment Rate by Age and Sex,
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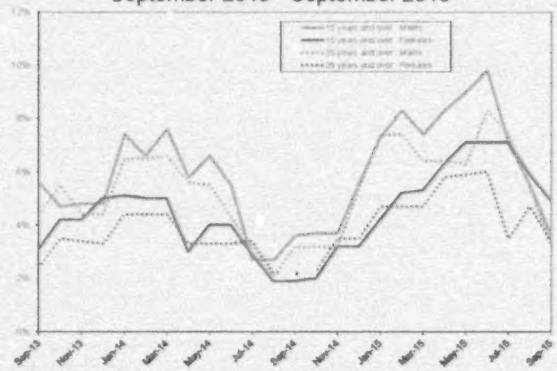
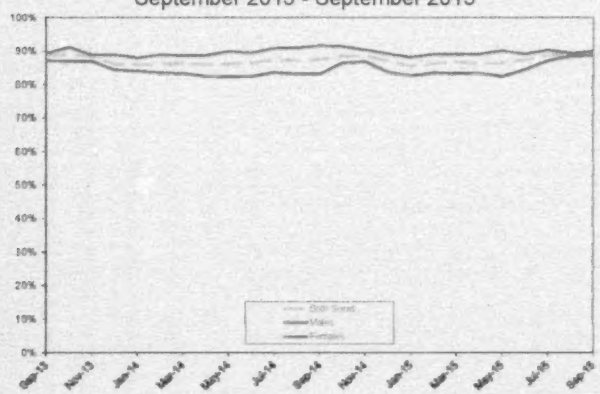


- Comparing September 2015 to August 2015, the unemployment rate for males aged 15 years and over decreased from 5.5% to 3.6%, and the rate for males aged 25 years and over decreased from 5.4% to 3.2%. Over the same time period, the unemployment rate for females aged 15 years and over decreased from 5.9% to 4.9%, and the rate for females aged 25 years and over decreased from 4.7% to 3.4%.
- The unemployment rate for Yukon's youth (aged 15-24) decreased from 9.7% in August 2015 to 6.3% in September 2015. This is the second time since January 2015 that the youth unemployment rate has been below 10%.

Employment, *Unadjusted,* by Full-time/Part-time, September 2015

Full-time employment as a percentage of all employment,
September 2013 - September 2015



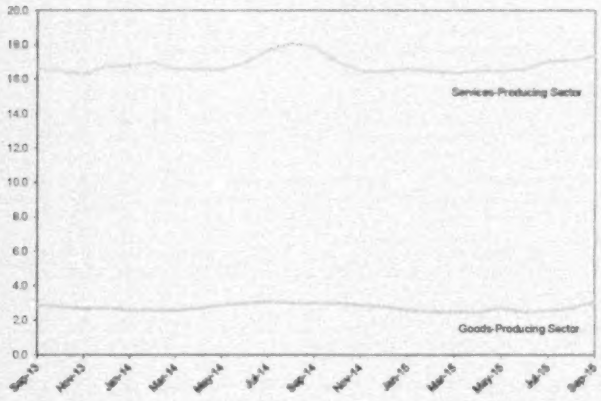
- Of Yukon's workers aged 15 years and over, 18,300, or 89.3%, were employed full-time in September 2015. This was the highest proportion among all other jurisdictions.
- Nationally, 81.3% of employed Canadians worked full-time in September 2015.
- Of employed Yukon males, 89.9% worked full-time, compared to 88.7% of employed Yukon females.
- Comparing September 2015 to August 2015, full-time employment increased by 700 to 18,300, and part-time employment remained the same at 2,200.

Employment, *Unadjusted,* by Industry, September 2015

	Both sexes	Males	Females
Total employed	20,500	10,900	9,700
Goods-producing sector	3,100	2,600	500
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	600	500	x
Construction	2,100	1,800	300
Services-producing sector	17,400	8,300	9,200
Trade	2,000	1,400	700
Transportation and warehousing	900	800	x
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	700	400	300
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,600	900	700
Business, building and other support services	600	300	300
Educational services	1,500	500	1,000
Health care and social assistance	2,900	700	2,200
Information, culture and recreation	1,200	600	600
Accommodation and food services	1,800	900	800
Other services	600	200	400
Public administration	3,700	1,600	2,100

Notes:
The sum of industries does not equal sector totals as industries with fewer than 500 workers are not shown; row data may not add up to industry totals due to rounding.
'Industry' refers to the general nature of the business carried out by the employer for whom the LFS respondent works (main job only).

Goods- and Services-Producing Sectors, Employment, September 2013 - September 2015



- In September 2015, 17,400, or 84.9% of working Yukoners were employed in the services-producing sector, while 3,100, or 15.1%, were employed in the goods-producing sector.
- Of Yukoners working in the goods-producing sector, 67.7% had jobs in the construction industry; 19.4% in the forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas industry.
- While females accounted for 52.9% of workers in Yukon's services-producing sector, only 16.1% of the goods-producing sector workers were female.

Goods- and services-producing sectors

The goods-producing sector includes industries that are involved in extracting resources directly from the earth (e.g. farming, mining, logging) or processing the resources (e.g. utilities, construction, manufacturing). Yukon's goods-producing sector consists primarily of industries in construction and mining.

The services-producing sector includes industries involved in the provision of services.

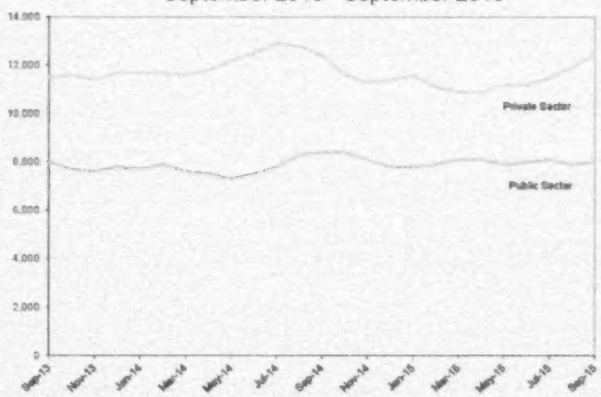
- Employment in Yukon's goods-producing sector peaked in August 2012 with 4,000 workers. Employment in the services-producing sector in August 2014 reached a record-high level of 18,100.
- Comparing September 2015 to August 2015, employment in the goods-producing sector increased by 400, or 14.8%, to 3,100 and employment in the services-producing sector increased by 300 workers, or 1.8%, to 17,400.

Public and Private Sectors, *Unadjusted,* September 2015

	Both sexes	Males	Females
Total Employed	20,500	10,900	9,700
Public employees	8,000	3,300	4,700
Total private sector	12,500	7,500	5,000
Private employees	9,400	5,700	3,700
Self-employed	3,100	1,800	1,300

- In September 2015, 39.0% of working Yukoners were employed by one of the four levels of government in the territory.
- Of the private sector, 24.8% were self-employed.
- In September 2015, private sector employment increased by 600, or 5.0%, to 12,500; public sector employment increased by 100, or 1.3%, to 8,000, compared to August 2015.

Public/Private Sector Employment, September 2013 - September 2015



Notes:
'Employees' include full-time, part-time, permanent and temporary employees.
'Public employees' are those who work for: a government at the federal, provincial, territorial, municipal, First Nations or other Aboriginal government level; a government service or agency; a Crown corporation; or for a government funded establishment such as schools (including colleges/universities), hospitals and public libraries.
'Private employees' include all employees who work for private firms or businesses.

Labour Force Survey Definitions

Employment — Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, did any work for pay or profit, or had a job and were absent from work.

Employment rate — Also referred to as "employment/population ratio," it is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The employment rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Goods-Producing Industries — Goods-Producing Industries (or goods sector, or goods industries): includes agriculture, other primary industries (forestry; fishing and trapping; mines, quarries and oil wells), manufacturing, construction and utilities (electric power, gas and water).

Labour force — The labour force is the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the survey reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Not in the labour force — Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the reference week, were unwilling or unable to offer or supply labour services under conditions existing in their labour markets; that is, they were neither employed nor unemployed.

Participation rate — The participation rate is the total labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The participation rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Reference Week — The reference week is the entire calendar week (from Sunday to Saturday) covered by the Labour Force Survey each month. It is usually the week containing the 15th day of the month. The interviews are conducted during the following week, called the Survey Week, and the labour force status determined is that of the reference week.

Seasonal adjustment — Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those that are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Self-employed — There are two broad categories of workers: those who work for others and those who work for themselves, namely, the self-employed. The self-employed includes working owners of incorporated businesses, working owners of unincorporated businesses and other self-employed.

Service-Producing Industries — Service-Producing Industries (or service sector, or service industries): includes trade; transportation and warehousing; finance, insurance, real estate and leasing; professional, scientific and technical services; management, administrative and other support; educational services; health care and social assistance; information, culture and recreation, accommodation and food services; other services; and public administration.

Three-Month Moving Average — All monthly figures for the Territories, whether seasonally adjusted or unadjusted, are three-month moving averages – for example, the March 2011 unemployment rate of 4.5% is actually an average of the unemployment rates for the months of January, February and March. April's unemployment rate became the average of the rates for February, March and April. Because they are three-month moving averages, the Territories' figures are not included in the calculation of Canada's numbers.

Unemployment — Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, were available for work and were either on temporary layoff, had looked for work in the past four weeks, or had a job to start within the next four weeks.

Unemployment rate — The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

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